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SUBJ: CIVAIR-ECUATORIANA REQUESTS CUSTOMS CLEARANCE IN NEW YORK
FOR NEW YORK PASSENGERS

1. GENERAL LUIS LEORO, MEMBER OF THE 3-MAN SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT, TELEPHONED CHARGE MORNING OF APRIL 20 TO REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT FOR COL. CARLOS BANDERAS, PRESIDENT OF ECUATORIANA DE AVIACION. COL. BANDERAS CALLED ON CHARGE AT 3:00 P.M. SAME DAY TO REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN GETTING APPROVAL FOR PASSENGERS DEPLANING IN NEW YORK ON ECUATORIANA'S FLIGHTS TO NEW YORK WHICH BEGIN APRIL 30 TO CLEAR CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION IN NEW YORK NOT MIAMI.

2. BANDERAS CLAIMED THAT ECUATORIANA HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT THOSE PASSENGERS WHO WERE GOING THROUGH TO NEW YORK WOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAY ON THE AIRCRAFT IN MIAMI WITH THEIR BAGGAGE AND CLEAR CUSTOMS ON ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK. ECUATORIANA'S ENTIRE SCHEDULE AND GROUND ARRANGEMENTS IN NEW YORK HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE BASIS OF CLEARING CUSTOMS IN NEW YORK FOR THESE PASSENGERS AND NOT WAITING ON THE GROUND IN MIAMI FOR SUCH CLEARANCE. BANDERAS CLAIMS THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN AIRLINES FLYING NORTH. HE SAYS THAT IT WILL BE A COSTLY AND DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR ECUATORIANA TO HAVE TO CHANGE THEIR SCHEDULING AND GROUND ARRANGEMENTS AND COSTS AT THIS LATE DATE.

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3. IF COL. BANDERAS IS CORRECT IN HIS ASSERTIONS, THE EMBASSY
FULLY SUPPORTS HIS REQUEST AND ASKS THAT THE NEGATION OF CUS-
TOMS AND IMMIRGATION CLEARANCES IN NEW YORK BE RECONSIDERED.
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